

REMARKS

Introduction.

This amendment is responsive to a non final rejection May 17, 2006. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-5, 10-11, 13, 15, 17-21, 23, 25, and 28-29.

The Office Action

Claim 26 was the only claim rejected and that rejection was based upon 35 U.S.C. §112. The examiner objected to Fig. 2 for the lack of reference number 5. Corrected drawings are attached hereto.

The Section 112 Rejection Of Claim 26.

Claim 26 specified that the melted thermoplastic film is copolyester. The examiner said that such a thermoplastic film is not disclosed in the specification. Applicants respectfully call the Examiner's attention to the last line of page 4 of the specification where copolyester for the thermoplastic film is disclosed. *If the Examiner disagrees, please call applicants' attorney as he will cancel claim 26.* Also the dependency of claim 26 has been changed such the claim now depends from claim 25.

The IDS

A clean copy of the foreign patent document DE 19737565 to Rump together with its English abstract is being filed with a revised IDS that cites the art previously cited to the Patent Office on June 13, 2005. Applicants assume that is all that the Examiner wanted. Applicants further request that the Examiner consider the art in the attached IDS which is the same as the one filed in June 2005, except that (1) applicants have provided a clean copy of Rump *with an English abstract*, (2) note that upon review of private PAIR Applicant notes that the *all foreign materials submitted have English abstracts* which the Examiner can evaluate against the background that all of the art cited has come from "smart card" patent applications in the U.S. which belong to the inventors' assignee and (3) note the relationship of the various applications (as set forth below) as to how the art is relevant to the instant application.

As noted in our June 2005 IDS, the applications include: U.S. Application No. 10/191,968, filed July 9, 2002, based upon Finnish Application No. FI 20000082¹, filed January 17, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 74242); U.S. Application No. 10/247,754, filed September 19, 2002, based upon Finnish Application No. 20000755, filed March 31, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 74934); U.S. Application No. 10/310,709, filed December 5, 2002, now abandoned, based upon Finnish Application No. 20001344, filed June 6, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 78206); U.S. Application No. 10/310,699, filed December 5, 2002, based upon Finnish Application No. 20001345, filed June 6, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 78207); U.S. Application No. 10/410,071, filed April 9, 2003, now abandoned, based upon Finnish Application No. 20002405, filed November 1, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 78739); U.S. Application No. 10/438,589, filed May 15, 2003, based upon Finnish Application No. 20002543, filed November 20, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 78818); U.S. Application No. 10/444,692, filed May 23, 2003, based upon Finnish Application No. 20002707, filed December 11, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 78887); U.S. Application No. 10/674,258, filed September 29, 2003, now abandoned, based upon Finnish Application No. 20010719 filed, April 6, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. 79375); U.S. Application No. 10/715,012, filed November 17, 2003, based upon Finnish Application No. 20011140, filed May 31, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. 79707); U.S. Application No. 10/869,586, filed June 16, 2004 based upon Finnish Application No. 20012549, filed December 21, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. 82924); and U.S. Application No. 10/918,980, filed August 16, 2004, now abandoned, based upon Finnish Application No. 20020296, filed February 14, 2002 (Attorney Docket No. 83179).

As per our June 2005 IDS, out of abundance of caution and pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brought to the following information to the attention of the Examiner in conjunction with the electronic submission of the Information Disclosure Statements filed under **EFS ID Nos. 85986 and 85987, on June 9, 2005**. The information cited in our previous IDSs and cited herein was cited in the “smart card” applications set forth above. Most of the information was not and is not relevant to this application, but caution has caused the Applicant to file this information disclosure statement. To ease the examiner’s burden,

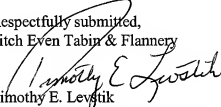
¹*Finnish applications are “laid open” 18 months after filing.*

however, Applicant directs the examiner's attention to specific references even though these references may not be as good as or are cumulative to the references already cited and applied by the examiner. The references to which Applicant directs the examiner's include: U.S. Patent Nos. 5,935,497; 6,220,516; 6,248,199; 6,293,470; and 6,330,162; as well as EP Patent Nos. 0 620 091; 0 922 555; 0 692 770; Japanese Patent Nos. 09197965 and 11221986 and International Publication No. WO 98/49652.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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